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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Washington, D.C.
April 20, 2000

Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 2, line 1, change "A" to --The--;

Claim 3, line 1, change "A" to --The--; and delete "or claim 2";

Claim 4, line 1, change "A" to --The--; and delete "2 or 3,";

Claim 6, line 1, change "An" to --The--;

Claim 7, line 1, change "An" to --The--; and delete "or claim 6";

Claim 8, line 1, change "An" to --The--; and delete "6 or 7";